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Sir:

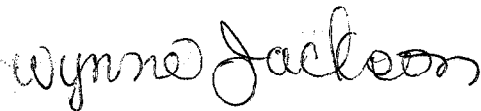
I am writing to ask that the Food and Drug Administration grant petition 98P-0151/CPI, to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Let me state a few reasons besides the FACT that downed animals are dragged with chains or pushed with tractors. This is so cruel to a sick or injured animals, that I can't imagine the kind of a mind that could be a part of this process.

Big reason is that the downed animals comprise a small part of the animals slaughtered so it wouldn't cause an economic hardship.

The fact that 90% if the downed animals need not happen, but because of the horrible handling and treatment received at the stockyards, it does. Then there is the treatment of the animals after death, that many believe these animals are infected with bacterial contamination. A gentleman on the TV speaking of illnesses in people has stated that manure has even been processed into meat.

We need to change our stockyard policies, concerning the way they are allowed to run, and better treatment for them.

Thank you.



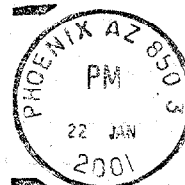
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